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Oxfam Invites Donations for Hungry

Oxfam America is a non-profit agency which funds self-help development projects in Asia, Africa, and Latin America - and works to educate Americans about the root causes of hunger.

Oxfam America funds grassroots groups in more than 30 countries. Support is given for their efforts to grow more food, obtain better health services and learn new economic skills. Help is given to groups of women - the poorest of the poor - who are struggling for dignity and a better life for their children.

Once each year, Oxfam America celebrates the bounties of the fall harvest by remembering those around the world who, despite their hard work, have no harvest to celebrate.

For just one day - the Thursday before Thanksgiving - Oxfam held its 11th Annual Fast For a World Harvest - asking friends to go without food, or to eat frugally and donate the unspent food money to many of the small-scale self-help projects in Oxfam's family - projects that aim, above all to promote freedom from hunger.

Fasting is a symbolic act, but it can also teach us what hunger feels like - that hunger hurts. Fasting can help us relate this inner knowledge to the cold, hard fact that chronic hunger afflicts one quarter of the human family - that 15 million of us will die this year, directly or indirectly from lack of food!

Oxfam America is one of the most efficient and effective international development and relief agencies that accepts no government funds, but operates independently. During the last ten years, Fast participants have contributed $3 million.

Several New Salem, Wendell, and Warwick families had the chance to either fast or eat sparingly Nov. 15 - the day of the 11th Annual Fast For a World Harvest. Your interest and committment in the Fast brought a response of more than $180 - raised by one day of not eating! That's bringing real hope to the worlds' hungry.

For those who did not know or were unable to share in the November 15 Fast, continued support can be sent to the office in Boston:

Oxfam America
115 Broadway
Boston, MA 02116
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The Post is looking for people interested in joining its writing and production staff. Give it a try! A story an issue, your ideas at a meeting, or a few hours of typing (in your home) or layout is an easy and rewarding community service. Call any of the contact staff; we'd love to have you!

Road Boss Seasoned for Job

Ron Grogan came to work for the Town of Wendell on May 7, 1983 as a laborer/truck driver. Within two months the selectboard named him Acting Road Boss, picking him over Kenny Wing and Danny Bascigalupo. Now, almost five months later, with considerable help, the 39 year old Wendell native brought a welcome stability to the Highway Department and dug into the job with the qualities of an experienced mechanic, willing student, and conscientious custodian of the town's interest in its roads and equipment.

He arrived at the department in a political hurricane. His predecessor as Road Boss, Tom Bardsley, had recently resigned. Besides being Road Boss, Tom was also highway Surveyor. The Selectboard had accused him of failing to stay within the department's labor budget and of failing to follow a purchase order system for ordering parts and supplies. For his part, Bardsley complained of harrassment and interference by the Selectboard. He had been the third Road Boss in four years. For a time there was no money for operations, and emergency funds had to be appropriated to keep the department running. It was a difficult time in a department that has had more than its share of turbulence during the past six years, much of it friction generated between the Board of Selectmen, with the budgetary authority over the Highway Department, and the Highway Surveyor, an elected official who is accountable only to the voters. (Traditionally, the Highway Surveyor himself has been given the job).

Now, Ron drives the Department's newly acquired 1978 International dump truck to Warner Bros. for a load of gravel, or mounts the sander on the 1976 Ford with the help of Bradley Merchant and Merle Powling, the

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The Annual Children's Christmas party will be on December 16, from 2-4 p.m. at the Wendell Town Hall. There will be a movie, caroling with Shane Devine, and Santa will be joining us to pass out gifts for all the children through grade six. Children (and adults) of all ages are invited to join in the festivities.

There will also be a bake sale going on at the same time to benefit the Swift River Pre-School Fund.

Firehouse Study Desperately Needed

Desperately needed is one Wendell person interested in the safety and financial welfare of our Town. The person would work with two other previously appointed individuals, Robert Bowers and Peter Diemand, on the the Fire House Study Committee. The function of this committee will be to establish whether or not a need exists for a larger fire station. If so, the committee will study the feasibility of an addition to the front of the existing station.

It is imperative that this committee be formed in order to present voters at the next Annual Town Meeting with a report. This important committee is held up in its task for want of one member. Please consider yourself for this position. Call the Town Moderator at 544-2086 to be appointed.

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Maple Valley Photography Class - Rear: Nelia, Paula, Bill, Allen, Tim. Front: Teacher,-Geri Cote, Pam.

Hi, I'm Paula Hibler, one of many students at Maple Valley, enrolled in the photography classes at the school.

We do photography for pleasure, a year book project, and recently began doing photography for the Wendell Post.

We also could be available to make black and white pictures for you. If you would like our services, or for more information please call Maple Valley School at 544-6913; ask for Gerri Cote, our teacher.

A special thanks to Nancy Cole for the front page art work.

Next Wendell Post meeting is Monday, Jan. 9th, 7:30 p.m. at Michael Idoine's.
Deadline for Feb.-March issue is on Mon., Jan. 23, 5p.m. at the Wendell Country Store.
Layout is Jan. 30th, 9:30 a.m. at the Swift River Pre-School.

Birth

Congratulations to Mark and Melinda Berry Burnett on the birth of their son Mark William Burnett, Jr. Mark was born on September 29, 1984 at 10:53 a.m. at the Franklin Medical Center.

Police Log

10-8 Telicani residence broken into
10-9 Joyce Fleming hit by train in Wendell Depot
10-18 Len Strauss reported a hit and run accident at parking lot of Swift River School
10-21 Dog hit by train at Wendell Depot
10-27 Car went off road on Stone Road
10-27 Claudia Scully reported an attempted break-in at her house and car
10-27 Mary Ellen Esterbrooks reported her goose killed by dogs
11-2 One car accident on Depot Rd., nine guard rails taken down. No personal injury
11-4 Townsend police located abandoned car of Cynthia Bloom
11-13 Chevy Chevette found burned in power lines, had been stolen in Greenfield

Land Transfers

7-27 Donald Ellis to Marron DuBois, 3 acres and dwelling on Locks Village Rd.
8-16 Margaret Perkins and Robert Leet to Margaret Perkins, 8.3 acres and dwelling on Gate Lane
8-23 Donald and Audrey Peterson to Mary Vaughn McBride, 24 acres and dwelling on West Rd.
10-1 Arthur Harrington to William Sandman, 3 acres on Rush Rd.
10-4 Allyn W. Coombs, Inc. to Commonwealth of Mass., 18 acres on New Salem Rd.
10-4 Donald Ducharme to Paul Rich, 2 acres and mobile home on Wickett Pond Rd.

Fire Log

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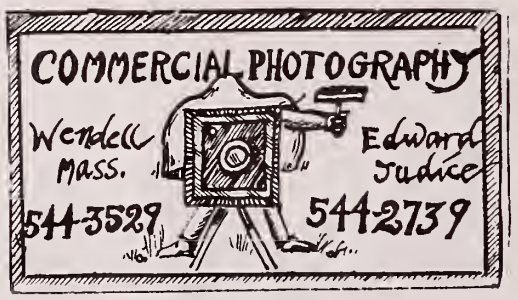


WENDELL FREE LIBRARY

The tulips may be sleeping outside under the quickly hardening ground, but inside the Wendell Free Library is alive and vital. (The first of four book buying trips planned for this year is completed) There are many new books for children, as well as, a selection of fiction and non-fiction for all ages. Browse through our growing collection of books on art and travel (the National Geographic series takes us all over the globe as it instills in us an understanding and respect for our diverse world). Don't forget the polaroid camera for special holiday pictures. There is something for you!

Beginning in January, the library will be open on Saturdays. We hope to make your visits more frequent with this change. Any input as to convenient hours for you would be agreatly appreciated. Any suggestions can be left at the library, (in the book return box if the library is closed).

A special thank you to Michael Parent for the beautiful job done painting our library.

Housing Repair Loans and Grants Available

Applications for housing repairs and weatherization projects are available now for Wendell homeowners and investor owners (landlords).. Low and no-interest loans for moderate and low income homeowners and and investor owners with moderate or low income tenents are being offered through a one year Community Development Block Grant.

Eligible activities for repair include (but are not limited to!): repairs to or replacement of furnaces, wiring, plumbing, water systems, foundations, ceilings, walls roofs, doors, insulation, storm windows, and chimneys.

Applications can be picked up now and throughout the winter at Town Hall, the Wendell Country Store and the Wendell Depot Store. They can also be obtained from the Franklin County Regional Housing Authority-(413)863-9530, which administers the program.

Questions about income eligibility and program guidelines can be addressed to Deb Radway, Wendell's Administrative Assistant, Mondays at 544-3636, Tuesdays at 544-6315, and 1st Wednesdays at 544-3395. The Housing Authority can answer any questions Monday - Friday, 8:30 - 4:30.

Deb will be holding special office hours in Wendell to help people complete their applications. She'll be at Town Hall Wednesdays, Dec. 5 and 19, 9am - 12:30, and Monday, Dec. 10, from 4:30 -8pm. Applications may also be obtained at these times.

M. V. Photo

New Road Boss: Ron Grogan

Road Boss cont'

two other full-time members of the department. Ron says the crew and equipment are ready for snow. Meanwhile, they have a backlog of repairs to the big Galeon grader to accomplish when time permits, but the 1973 Case backhoe has recently had its electrical system fixed, and the pickup is in good shape after receiving front brake pads and shocks. The other major piece of equipment, the 1983 Clark Michigan loader, has been working without problems all along. A dump truck with a blown engine that was used until last spring is ready to be put out to bid in the near future.

The position of Highway Surveyor is currently filled by Ron Grogan, with a Highway Advisory Committee (composed of Joe Hartjens, Mark Browning, Jay Blackbird, Judy McIntosh, and Steve Lelito).
Consulting on day-to-day highway matters along with the Selectboard. Under a new structure authorized by voters at the 1983 Town Meeting and hurried into effect a year sooner than scheduled by the 1984 Town Meeting, a three person Highway Commission is scheduled to be elected at the town elections next May. It will oversee the Road Boss and assume the responsibilities now carried by the selectboard. It will have full authority over the department. There is great hope that the new structure will bring the consistency and direction to the Highway Department that have been missing in the past.

The present Highway Advisory Committee is functioning as sort of an informal trial run for the permanent Commission. It carried out negotiations and arrangements for the 1978 International recently bought in New Hampshire. Its members were appointed by the Town Moderator, Kathy Becker.

It will still be a big job keeping Wendell's roads in shape given the difficult budgetary and weather conditions forecast. Ron Grogan has been seasoned well for the job. He worked for Frye Construction Company in Orange from 1979 until 1983. Besides operating a variety of equipment, he was involved in its maintenance and repair. As further grooming for the pressures of Road Boss, he plowed snow for Frye, sometimes working for 24 hours without rest.

In the 1960's, Ron worked for Glen Ellis during the summers and drove snow plows for the Town during the winters.

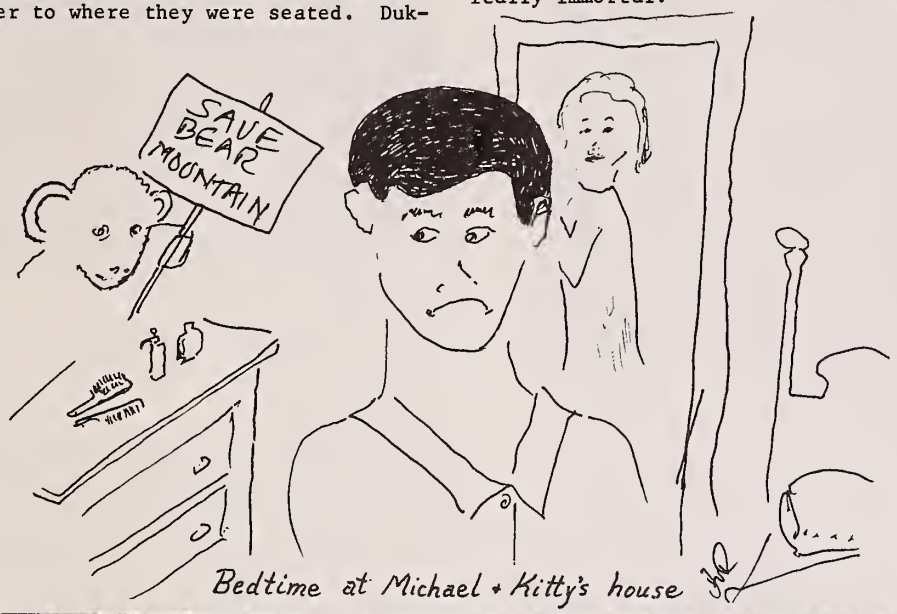
He lives close to where he grew up, on Mormon Hollow Road only two houses away from the Merchant house where he spent his childhood. He and his wife, Brenda Powling Grogan, the daughter of Audrey Powling and the late Lewis Posling, also of Wendell, have four children, ages 7 to 14.

Jonathan von Ranson

Bear Mtn. Follows Governor to Picnic

A month after the Rt. 2 Environmental Coalition's fundraising dinner in Deerfield (see Oct./Nov. Post issue), the Franklin County Democratic Committee staged their $30 a plate fundraiser - this time a barbeque at the Millers Falls Rod and Gun Club. The dinner's objective - to fund Dukakis' budget for communication with the county, seemed at the opposite end of a tug-of-war with Wendell and other county citizens to defeat the Dukakis South Bank Proposal.

One incident at the Democratic dinner stands out as noteworthy by this reporter. Al Diemand, wanting a picture of his daughter Anne and town moderator, Kathy Becker with the guest of honor, invited the governor over to where they were seated. Dukakis made his way among the tables with a bread grin and an outstretched hand. When he got to the Wendell women, his hand hesitated and his smile disappeared for an awkward moment when he spotted the bold, blue Bear Mountain Preservation T-shirt proudly (and defiantly) displayed on Kathy's usual well-postured (and then even better postured) figure. He averted his eyes. But Al asked him to pose with the women and Dukakis stood behind them, his hands on their shoulders, awaiting the click. Endless minutes passed while Diemand fought with a balky camera until finally the uncomfortable threesome were rendered photographically immortal.



Bedtime at Michael + Kitty's house

Pot Luck with St. Nick

Santa Claus is coming to New Salem! On December 21, the New Salem Fireman's Association will host the annual town Christmas party with guest of honor - good old Saint Nick!

The evening will start out with a pot luck supper at 6 p.m. in the basement of the town hall. All townspeople are invited. Everyone is asked to bring a main dish and/or a dessert as well as dishes and silverware. Beverages, rolls and butter will be provided.

At 7 p.m. Santa is expected to arrive and, if past years' experience holds true, will have a gift for all New Salem children from infants through sixth graders. All New Salem residents are invited. For further information, contact Priscilla Spencer at 544-6807.

Extension Service Fruit Growers Meetings

If you are presently growing tree fruits on a small commercial scale or plan to in the future then you may want to participate in the Western Region Small Farm Fruit Program.

This will include a series of 4 tree fruits and 5 small fruit meetings to be held on consecutive Tues. evenings in Franklin County beginning Jan. 15. $2 will be collected at the door each meeting.

A timely bi-monthly newsletter will be offered Apr. through Sept.

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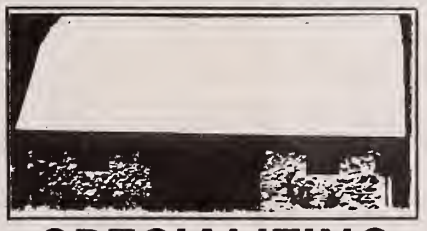

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Antique Curtain on Town Hall Stage Was Brothers' Depression Enterprise

The faded and torn Wendell Town Hall stage curtain has recently been recognized as an object of concern. The curtain's deteriorating appearance was raised as an issue from the floor of the last Special Town Meeting by voter, Joseph Diemand.

The subject was literally pursued by "Greenfield Recorder" correspondent, Jim Paulin. When he found after the meeting that one person in attendance, Inez Lewis, might know enough about the curtain to make a story, he bolted out of the town hall to chase her down. Subsequently, his story appeared, out-lined in blue, as the front page centerpiece of the Saturday, Nov. 17, "Greenfield Recorder."

Soon the Selectmen began to receive calls asking what they intended to do about the curtain. The Town Moderator, Kathy Becker, appeared before them with some new information about restoration of the curtain. She was not only well received, but pulled into act with the Board as their "special agent" in the matter. As a consequence, it does appear likely that some effort may produce a restoration of the old curtain.

There is some interesting human history available to learn from this project as well. As Paulin's article was headlined, "Wendell's Curtain (is) a Relic of the Depression." Brothers Claude and Thurston Munson were commercial artists struggling to survive in those times. In later better days they would be patronized for their talents, but during the Depression their portraits and other paintings were not needed commodities. Their ingenious alternative business was to approach towns, churches and various organizations with the offer of a free stage curtain. Advertisers footed the bill at $15 an ad. The brothers would profit around $20-$25 per curtain. Because the canvases were large, the brothers painted the curtains on site. While working, they often stayed close by in such places as fire stations, or backstage if necessary. The completed work was representative of the area. A Greenfield curtain, now in the hands of the Conway Historical Society, shows a city street scene. Wendell's curtain is a pastoral scene with a homestead set beside a rushing brook, the clearing surrounded by voluptuous trees and blue sky. Always, the central scene was surrounded by local advertising.

Thurston Munson believes his brother, Claude, now deceased three years, painted the Wendell curtain. They did not sign their work. "We practically never did. We weren't too proud of them. We'd bat them out in a few days. It was better than begging," said Thurston in Paulin's interview.

When Thurston Munson was called by the "special agent," he expressed an interest in Wendell's curtain. He even went so far as to suggest that he would volunteer to touch up his brother's curtain if the canvas were repaired, as a gift to Wendell. The canvas repair is now being explored.

Mrs. Claude Munson is a "Greenfield Recorder" subscriber. When she read the article about a previously unknown curtain, she immediately contacted Inez Lewis by phone. They exchanged history of the curtain. Soon they had arranged a time for Mrs. Munson and her daughter to come up and view the curtain. As it turns out, Mrs. Lewis's husband was Commander of the local Grange. It was this Wendell organization that in the 1930's accepted the Munson curtain offer. The Grange, which used to meet in the Town Hall, often sponsored plays and other entertainment. When the Grange disbanded, the curtain and the piano were left to the Town.

Recently, Mrs. Munson and her daughter, Dee Munson North, traveled from their home in Leominster to see the curtain and to photograph it. They spoke of Thurston's and Claude's accomplishments. The brothers came from a family known for its engineers. As the eldest son, Thurston bucked the family to become a painter and architect. He designed, among other well known buildings, the old Springfield Basketball Hall of Fame (a new one is soon to be built). Claude was the Art Director of the Senior High School in Leominster. Some of the paintings of the former Conway native may be displayed at next year's Festival of the Hills. Dee North offered to send xeroxed newspaper articles about her father. This information will be given to the Wendell Free Library historical collection as it arrives. Future "Wendell Post" updates regarding the curtain will include a few facts about these interesting men. Information about other existing curtains will also be sought out.

It is hoped that private funding will make this restoration project possible. Persons with questions, comments or other input are welcome to contact either the Selectmen or their "special agent."

Kathy Becker
Special Agent

M. V. Photo

Back: J. J., Kyle, Stephanie. Front: Cheryl, Michelle, Sara Beth. Teacher - Sandy Waters.

M. V. Photo

Tara and Sara Beth

Swift River Pre-School

The Swift River Pre-School's themes for the past month have been sharing, feelings, shapes and Thanksgiving. Many activities were done in preparation for the Thanksgiving celebration. Families and friends gathered on Nov. 21 for a pot luck brunch and to watch a play about pilgrims, Indians and sharing that the children wrote and performed.

We are more than half way in making the money we agreed to. We have made $980 leaving just $560 until we reach $1540.

We are having a bake sale at the Annual Wendell Children's Christmas Party on December 16, 2-4 p.m.

We are also having a raffle. The prize is a ceramic village, a winter scene that is lighted and very detailed that was made by Marylou Bartus. Tickets are $1 and can be purchased from any of the pre-school students and their parents. The drawing will be at the Swift River Pre-School on December 21.

Any ideas anyone might have to help us reach our goal will be appreciated. Please call Janet Ducharme or one of the pre-schooler's parents.

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Rain on Harry's Cabin Changed for Worse

The year 1934 is carefully etched in the mortar of the old stone chimney. It is the kind of chimney you would expect to see in a small cabin, set among the forested hills of Western Massachusetts. The stones, no doubt, were gathered from the hillside immediately around the site. Rock populations have thrived in New England for thousands of years.

The stones rise straight up, five feet from the floor, angle inward a couple of feet, then ascend unbent through the roof. A few inches from the date lie the initials H.J., and I fancy the name of Harry Jennison.

One half century ago this was a fine place to escape with a good book, a lover, or merely your thoughts while listening to the absence of civilization. Harry used the cabin as a nucleus for hunting among the mosaic of hardwoods and conifers around him. He would arrive at dawn on a classic November morning; forty degrees and drizzle. Adamant on roasting venison for supper, he cursed the rain with vaporized words and entered the cabin, quite sure it would taper off in the same time his coffee traveled from mouth, to stomach, to bladder. The sound on the roof was an innocent inconvenience, and Harry Jennison would not give the rain a second thought.

Harry's cabin is now my home, and still offers a quiet solitude, a reprieve from the ecological wounds throughout the land. But the respite is only an illusion when that familiar sound is heard on the roof. Harry's rain has been replaced by the ubbiquitous tragedy of acid rain.

It comes not only as rain, but snow, sleet, hail, frost, rime, fog, mist, dew, smog, and dry deposits of acid particles. The problem exists. Ravaged ecosystems serve as testimony to the problem. Though not as blatant as a New Mexico strip mine, acid deposition is every bit as severe. Red spruce is dead and dying on our peaks. Sugar maple regeneration is stunted. Fish and other aquatic organisms are dead and dying. There is data to support these and many other effects of acid deposition.

The Acid Rain Monitoring Project in Massachusetts exists to collect more data. It is based at the Water Resources Research Center in Amherst, and currently funded by the Massachusetts Division of Fisheries and Wildlife. I spoke with Armand Ruby, statewide coordinator of the project, to determine the status of Wendell's waters. Results from the latest phase of the project are not yet available on a town by town basis, but he said "the Miller's River drainage has been extensively acidified in the past few decades. Wendell is more sensitive than the Connecticut River valley, but less so than northern Worcester County which includes portions of Quabbin Reservoir". Sensitivity of water to acid deposition is based on its alkalinity, with alkalinity measuring the dissolved carbonate in water. These dissolved carbonates($CaCO_3$ or $MgCO_3$) act to neutralize any acids that are added to aquatic systems.

Rainfall in Massachusetts currently averages a pH of 4.2, more than twenty times the acidity of normal or "clean rain". Ruby said "Massachusetts has the bad combination of sensitive waters and the weather patterns which bring us acid deposition". Massachusetts generates approximately 20–30% of the acid producing emissions that fall as acid rain within Massachusetts. The Ohio Valley is responsible for much of the balance. "The problem in Massachusetts is similar to the other north-eastern states, but generally more serious than Connecticut", said Ruby.

A short time ago, Amy and I sampled 15 lakes, streams, and swamps in Wendell for this project. We felt an uncomfortable air of hypocrisy as we drove the backroads of

A Course in Miracles

A study group focusing on the Course In Miracles meets weekly at the home of Don and Janie Stone. For information about the Course In Miracles or meeting times, please call: 544-3594

Cory Shaw at Wendell Halloween Party

Rain cont' from col. 2

Wendell in our acid rain producer, collecting data to fight the problem. The sincerity of our effort was not weakened; the desire to end our dependence on the automobile was strengthened.

At the end of a long afternoon, we travelled two miles down an old logging road to sample the outlet of Sibley Swamp, a hauntingly beautiful place. It is one half mile long and only a few hundred feet wide, comprised of bog, dead trees, and open water. A beaver lodge graced the open water, only a few feet from its dam. An unnamed hill to the north rose 300 feet above the swamp, providing a late autumn backdrop. The grasses and sedge were yellows and browns, the dark water reflected a late afternoon sky. We listened to the wind, the lapping of water on a fallen tree, the call of a woodduck, and nothing else. It felt pristine. Then I remembered why we were there; to sample its waters for the crippling effects of our civilization. What would Harry think?

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Aerobics, Basketball In New Salem Town Hall

There's a new kid on the block in New Salem town government - the New Salem Recreation Commission. Established at the 1984 annual town meeting, the main responsibility of the Recreation Commission is to administer the summer swim program. Although it got a late start, the Commission was able to organize a program at Laurel Lake for 2½ weeks in late June and early July. Over 50 children were bussed to the lake where they were given lessons by certified Red Cross instructors.

With the coming of the fall the Commission took on the second part of its mandate: to provide recreational activities for the townspeople. In October it sponsored a soccer bus to Amherst so area boys and girls could see a varsity UMass soccer game. At present, the Commission is sponsoring an aerobics class on Tuesday and Thursday evenings, a basketball night on Monday evenings, and a volley ball night on Wednesdays, all in the town hall. The aerobics class is led by Sandy Waters of Orange and has over 20 people enrolled in it. The Monday and Wednesday sports nights are overseen by Spencer Marshall and have been attracting growing numbers of participants.

Future plans of the Commission include a movie in the town hall in January, a sports banquet in the spring, and a bus trip to Boston. Most events are open to area residents as well as New Salem residents. Any questions or suggestions for future events should be addressed to one of the members of the Commission: Pam Harris, Spencer Marshall, or Mary-Ann Palmieri (544-2611). The Commission holds its monthly meeting the second Monday of the month at the town hall at 8 p.m.

Selectmen's Minutes

September 18, 1984

The meeting was opened at 7 p.m. with only Selectman Jim Slavas present. Both Michael Idoine and Ted Lewis said they would be late.

The minutes of the September 4 meeting were approved. The weekly payroll and bill warrant was approved.

Kathy Becker asked if something could be done to improve the safety at the intersection of Locke Hill and Locks Village Road. Taken under advisement.

Myron Becker, representing the Millers River Watershed Council, presented the Board with a copy of the council's study report. The council recommends that the Town accept the management plan as a tool for implementing management of the river. According to Myron, the state will then designate that portion of the river as a local scenic river.

As a citizen Myron recommended that the Town should accept this plan with reservations.

David Walsh of the Board of Health informed the Selectmen that a new dump custodian will be hired within a month.

The Board was also imformed that Board of Health member Jean Esser resigned today.

Kathy Becker asked if the Arts Council could look into improving the Town Hall Stage Curtain.

Discussed dog complaints.

Appointed Gladys Powling, Elsie Diemand, Kenneth Simos to the Accessability to the Handicapped Committee.

Appointed Jim Slavas the Right-to-Know Co-ordinator.

Discussed upcoming Board of Health actions.

Meeting adjourned at 9 p.m.

October 2, 1984

The meeting was called to order at 7 p.m. by Slm. Jim Slavas with Slm. Michael Idoine present.

The weekly payroll and bill warrant was approved. The minutes of the Sept. 18 meeting were approved.

Jay Blackbird presented the Board a copy of the cutting contract for the Cemetery lot. The Board approved the contract to Hubbardston Lumber Co. of Athol for $1,234.60.

Debbie Radway informed the Board that she will be changing her hours for the winter months.

Meeting adjourned at 8:04 p.m.

October 9, 1984

Opened bids for Winter Sand from Warner Brothers - 4.50/T and The Lane Construction Corp. - 3.90/T.

Opened bids for sanders from Tri County Contractor - Bid A $7,798 with truck, Bid B $6,293 with truck and Graves Equipment - $5,995 with truck.

October 16, 1984

The meeting was called to order at 7p.m. by Chairman Ted Lewis with the full Board present.

The weekly payroll and bill warrant was approved.

Discussed barking dog problems on Farley Road.

Reviewed Sand Bids:

Warner Bros. - 4.50/T delivered; 1.75/T FCB Plant Sunderland; Lane Construction - 3.90/T delivered

Awarded to Lane Construction.

Reviewed Sander Bids:

Tri County - Bid A - Net $7,798; Bid B - Net $6,293; Graves Equipment - $5.995.

Awarded to Graves Equipment.

Chairman Lewis reported that the STRAPS Program application is almost completed.

The Flood Damage Report to the DPW is also nearly completed.

Winchester, N.H. was notified of the Town Meeting vote taken last week. The Dept. of Environmental Management notified the Selectmen that they will be selling 190 cords of hard wood on Montague Rd.

The Ladies Aid was given permission to use the Town Hall 10/31 for the Halloween Party.

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

November 6, 1984

The meeting was called to order at 7p.m. by Slm. Jim Slavas with Slm. Michael Idoine present. Chairman Lewis arrived late.

The weekly payroll and bill warrant was approved.

Sylvia Wetherby asked if the church could use the Town Hall on 11/24/84 for a Pot Luck Supper. Permission granted.

7:20 p.m. Pole hearing - Jennison Rd. - Location approved.

7:24 p.m. Pole hearing - Locke Hill #1. In attendance: Donald Chappel, Virginia Caputo, Jay Blackbird and Edward Boyce of NET&T. Locations approved subject to the approval of the Hwy. Surveyor.

Walter Fairbrother asked about getting a used car dealer's license.

After receiving a phone call, Town Clerk Anna Hartjens explained to the Board how and why a former resident and town official was removed from the voters list.

Ted reported that he received a complaint Sunday about some bad "pot holes" on Farley Road. The Board instructed the Highway Surveyor to repair these holes as soon as possible.

The Board voted to set dog violation fines of $15, $30 and $50 for 1st, 2nd and 3rd time offenders. This will be legally published in the near future.

Approved the following cordwood bids:

John Carey - 2 locations dump lot.

Gerald Powling - School lot off Farley Road.

Meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Harry Williston, Clerk

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